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Remarks

Applicants have canceled claims 1-21 without prejudice or disclaimer, and added new claims 22-31. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled subject matter in continuing or divisional applications. New claims 22-31 find support throughout the specification as filed, and thus no new matter has been added.

Election

The Examiner has required an election under 35 U.S.C. § 121 of one of Groups I-VI. The Examiner contends that the inventions are distinct, each from the other. The Examiner has also required a further election between TR21 and TR22.

In response, Applicants elect the invention of group II, drawn to polypeptides, and further elect TR21 polypeptides, represented by new claims 22-31, for further prosecution. Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications directed to the other groups as well as the non-elected TR22 polypeptides of group II.

Conclusion

Applicants respectfully request that the above-made remarks be entered and made of record in the file history of the instant application. The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned at the phone number provided below if any further action by Applicants would expedite the examination of this application.

If there are any fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, please charge the fees to our Deposit Account No. 08-3425. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136, such an extension is requested and the fee should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

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